A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO SUPPORT THE SOUTHWESTREGIONTRANSPORTATION PLAN BY PKOVIDING INCREASED ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTHWEST ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is a vital transportation link, within Alaska, that provides remote communities with their only connection to the intercontinental surface transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System currently provides services to the southwest Alaska communities of Kodiak, Port Lions, Chignik, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point, Akutan, Falsc Pass and Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing basic transportation services to these communities, the AMHS promotes economic development and tourism opportunities within the southwest Alaska municipal region; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan recommends that increased services to the Southwest region can be accomplished by having Homer, the closest port to the Southwest Region, as the region's link with the intercontinental surface transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan recommends that the AMHS M/V Tustumena be dedicated to service solely in southwest Alaska; implementation of the plan will provide a more interconnected regional system of service; and

WHEREAS, having the AMHS M/V Trustumena providing dedicated services to the southwest region will provide additional communities in the region with another basic transportation option, and provide more frequent service to those communities already receiving AMHS service; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan is now in the final stages of development before being adopted by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF).

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the City of Aleknagik that the DOT/PF is urged to adopt the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan and begin implementing the M/V Tustumena dedicated service portion of the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Aleknagik will work with all of the communities in the region to support the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan, particularly that portion of the Plan recommending dedicated services in Southwest Alaska by the M/V Tustumcna.

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SIGNED:

Thomas Tinker, Sr., Mayor

04-11-00 Date

ATTEST:

Shellie M. Alovsius, City Clerk

Date